III.—CALLING ATTENTION TO THE FAILURE OF GOVERNMENT TO GIVE LEASE REMISSION TO THE TENANTS OF NANNILAM TALUK, THANJAVUR DISTRICT.

MR. SPEAKER : I have received notice of a motion from Sri M. C. Muthukumaraswamy calling attention to a matter of urgent public importance under rule 41.

SRI M. C. MUTHUKUMARASWAMY : கனம் சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே, நான் கொண்டுவந்திருக்கும் இந்த பிரேரபணைக்கு தயவுசெய்து கனம் அமைச்சர் அவர்கள் பதில் அளிக்கவேண்டு மென்று கேட்டுக்கொள்ளுகிறேன்.

I wish to call the attention of the Hon. the Minister for Revenue to an urgent matter of public importance viz., failure of the Government to give lease remission to the tenants in Nannilam taluk of Thanjavur district, who were affected by the recent heavy rains in November 1960.

MR. SPEAKER : அவ்வளவுதான். கனம் அங்கத்தினர் பேசுவதற்கு இல்லை. மந்திரி அவர்கள் இப்பொழுது பதில் அளிப்பார்கள்.

* THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : Sir, grant of lease remission to the tenants is not contemplated under any of the enactments except in respect of the cases coming under section 5 (2) of the Fair Rent Act. According to this section, whenever adverse seasonal conditions result in the reduction of the gross produce from any particular crop to the extent of more than 25 per cent, the landowner shall be bound to remit a proportionate part of the fair rent due to him from his cultivating tenant in respect of that land for that period. The section also provides that before admitting or inquiring into an application made by a cultivating tenant for remission of fair rent under this provision, the Rent Court may impose such conditions as it considers reasonable in the circumstances of the case including conditions as to deposit of admitted rent which has become due. It is therefore up to the tenants to move the Rent Court having jurisdiction over the area for grant of remission if they anticipate a failure of crop or low yield from their leased land. With reference to section 5 (2) of the Fair Rent Act, 13 applications have been filed with the Rent Court, Tiruvarur. These relate to Nannilam taluk and the extent involved in the above applications in 60·94 acres. All these applications are under enquiry by the Rent Court and it is for the Rent Court either to allow or dismiss the applications on merits. Hnce there is no question of failure on the part of the Government to give lease remissions to the tenants.

IV.—VOTING ON DEMANDS FOR GRANTS FOR THE YEAR 1961-62.

(1) DEMAND XXIV—LABOUR INCLUDING FACTORIES.

* THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Sir on the recommendation of the Governor, I move—

"That the Government be granted a sum not exceeding Rs. 35,79, 800 under Demand XXIV—Labour including Factories."